Congratulations! We are excited to welcome you to the Aggie family and help you understand what it means to be a part of our community. Texas A&M University is a campus rich in history and tradition you will become familiar with during your New Student Conference and Gig 'Em Week. We hope you are excited about all the opportunities Texas A&M has to offer. Many things may change for you over the next few months; we hope that this issue of *New Aggie News* will help answer some of the questions you might have.

In this issue you can learn more about what to expect while you’re on campus for your New Student Conference, available campus services, academic information, as well as involvement opportunities.

Our office is committed to assisting you prior to and during your first year at Texas A&M University. By now you should have received your *New Student Conference Handbook*. This publication, along with the [newaggie.tamu.edu](http://newaggie.tamu.edu) website, provide you with important information and help prepare you for your transition to Aggieland. New Student & Family Programs hosts your New Student Conference, and after that we invite you to join us at Gig ‘Em Week: Aggieland’s Week of Welcome. Gig ‘Em Week events begin August 23rd and ends with Undergraduate Convocation on August 30th. Gig ‘Em Week is a great way to meet many new and returning students in a relaxed and entertaining atmosphere.

We look forward to welcoming you to your New Student Conference. We encourage you to make the most of your experience by participating to the fullest extent in all of the conference programs. There are numerous programs that provide a greater awareness of the university’s academic requirements and resources, as well as an opportunity to meet new and current Aggies. For a detailed listing of the New Student Conference programs, please refer to [newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/at-your-nsc/programs/](http://newaggie.tamu.edu/freshmen/at-your-nsc/programs/).

New Student & Family Programs is with you every step of the way to ensure your success as a student. We look forward to finally meeting you at your New Student Conference. Until then, if you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at (979) 845-5826 or visit our website at [studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp](http://studentlife.tamu.edu/nsfp).
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Before your Conference

Congratulations on accepting your offer to attend Texas A&M University! We are ready to welcome you to campus, but in order to do so you need to register for your New Student Conference. Attendance at New Student Conferences is mandatory, if you have not done so please sign up applicant.tamu.edu. Be sure you choose a conference in which the college of your chosen major is participating.

If you are bringing your family or guests to your NSC please have them register at newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests. From May 1st until four business days prior to the conference, the fee is $30 per adult and $10 per child. Past four business days before the scheduled conference will require utilization of on-site registration which will occur at $35 per adult and $10 per child. Family members are welcome to participate in the entire conference by following the family schedule. Family members will check in during NSC Check-In to receive a schedule, conference materials, Texas A&M Family Calendar, and more!

Before coming to the conference, be sure to arrange:

- Parking: ALL vehicles must display a valid Texas A&M University parking permit when parked on University property (other than pay-per-space visitor parking areas). New Student Conference attendees should purchase a SUMMER WEEKLY permit OR pay to park in a visitor facility OR use your Fall 2015 Permit (August NSC attendees only). Summer Weekly permits are non-refundable and available for purchase online only beginning on May 1st. Please visit transport.tamu.edu/ for more information.
- Lodging: NSCs are two days and one night in length, so overnight arrangements must be made. Costs for housing are NOT included in the student or family member registration fee and arrangements must be made separately. You may choose to stay on campus or off campus during your NSC.
  - On-Campus: If you and your family would like to stay on campus in one of the residence halls, you can reserve a room at reslife.tamu.edu/conferencesTours/nscHousing. On Campus Housing is only available for conferences occurring between May 28 and July 16.
  - Off-Campus: For information regarding local lodging, visit visitaggieand.com/where-to-stay.

Required Immunization Information

TEC 51.9192 requires all students under age 22 entering an institution of higher education to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination. Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation of vaccination have a meningitis deficiency hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. The meningitis deficiency hold will prevent you from checking in to your New Student Conference and registering for classes, so it is imperative you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC. For more information, please visit: admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis. To determine if you have satisfied the evidence of vaccination requirement for bacterial meningitis, go to the Applicant Information System website, applicant.tamu.edu, and ensure that a check mark is present on the Bacterial Meningitis checklist item found under the "Additional credentials required prior to Enrollment/Registration" section.
New Student Conferences

What to expect at your New Student Conference:

For a detailed listing of the New Student Conference programs, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu

The day before your New Student Conference, we invite you to join our Orientation Leaders as they host an evening social and check-in at the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Come connect with other new students and families for light refreshments as you explore the different exhibits of the Alumni Center, enjoy various outdoor activities, try on an Aggie Ring, and ask any questions you may have. Students and Family members will also have the opportunity to check-in during the afternoon.

Your New Student Conference officially begins on Day 1 with Check-In, at which you will receive new student orientation materials, clear any registration blocks you may have, and take a campus tour. You will also have the opportunity to purchase an official class t-shirt. The mandatory morning sessions will be kicked off with an energizing Welcome Session, followed by Joining a Community of Scholars which will highlight the academic expectations and core values of Texas A&M. Campus Services will follow giving you an opportunity to learn more about the optional services the university provides such as Dining Plans, Sports Passes, and other helpful services that make your time here in Aggieland more enjoyable. Next, Keys to Financial Matters and Resources will discuss tuition and fees, financial resources, and deadlines. After these sessions, you will make your way over to the Bethancourt Ballroom located in the Memorial Student Center for Student Luncheon and Panel. Network with other Aggies and Orientation Leaders, learn about specific transfer student resources, and participate in a Yell Practice. A panel of students will also host a Q&A session to answer any questions you may have. Please RSVP in advance at newaggie.tamu.edu/studentluncheon.

The first session of the afternoon is Campus SAVE Training. This mandatory session focuses on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and reviews students’ rights and available resources. Next, you attend the Academic Meeting. This session is the most important meeting at your New Student Conference as it introduces you to the academic requirements of your college and includes academic advising. Your first day will conclude with either Off-Campus Student Services or Corps Orientation & Registration. These sessions will offer information about housing situations and important Corps information. Be sure to attend the Corps of Cadets Registration and Orientation session if you intend on joining the Corps of Cadets.

Your second day begins with your Mandatory College Meeting and Academic Advisement. During this time, you will meet with your Academic Advisor to create your schedule and register for courses and optional services. We ask that you be prepared to remain on campus until 6 p.m., if necessary, to complete registration. Shuttles to West Campus and Orientation Leaders will be available to guide you to your appropriate advising location.